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Applicant : Rachel Meyers et al.
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Title : 14094, A NOVEL HUMAN TRYPSIN FAMILY MEMBER AND USES THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

UNDER 37 CFR §1.181(a)

Under 37 CFR §§1.8(b) and 1.181, applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment dated February 11, 2003 (copy enclosed).

The application was abandoned under 37 CFR §1.135 for failure to respond to the Office Action dated May 20, 2002. Applicants submit that the response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2002 was timely filed on October 21, 2002. The following documents are submitted under 37 CFR §1.8(b)(2) as proof that a Response was timely filed on October 21, 2002:

1. A copy of the response to the Response to Office Action, including an executed certificate of mailing signed by Cassandra Beepot on October 21, 2002;
2. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time, including an executed certificate of mailing signed by Cassandra Beepot on October 21, 2002, which extended the period for responding to the Office Action to five months, up to and including Monday October 21, 2002 (since October 20, 2002 fell on a Sunday);
3. A copy of the response to the Transmittal of Formal Drawings, including an executed certificate of mailing signed by Cassandra Beepot on October 21, 2002;
4. A copy of the Formal Drawings;

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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5. A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including an executed certificate of mailing signed by Cassandra Beepot on October 21, 2002 and the PTO-1449 Form;

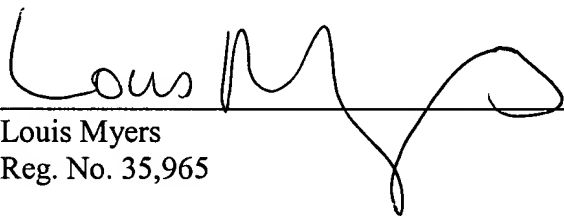
6. A copy of the postcard dated October 21, 2002 that was included with the response; and

7. A copy of the postcard stamped received by the PTO Mailroom on October 31, 2002.

Applicants do not believe any fee is due, since a response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2002 was timely filed. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office disagrees, please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 10448-046002.

Respectfully submitted,

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